REMARKS

Applicants respectfully submit that the return receipt postcard received back from the U.S. Patent Office in connection with the present application was received on or about April 27, 2004.

Per your hand-written notation on the postcard, we have enclosed a duplicate copy of the Specification (75 pgs.) along with a copy of the return receipt postcard.

Applicants kindly request that the undersigned attorney of record be contacted directly with any questions regarding this matter.

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